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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON INFO USDAO SAIGON
FROM AMCONSUL NHA TRANG 31 MAR 75, REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO.

QUOTE.

S E C R E T NHA TRANG 0239

DAO FOR AOSOP-IX/AOSAP-ISM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, VS

SUBJECT: UP-DATE ON SITUATION IN THE KHANH DUONG (D) AREA

1. HEAVY RESISTANCE MET BY THE 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE OPERATING
IN THE VICINITY OF QL-21 AND KHANH DUONG (D), KHANH HOA (P)
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY II CORPS G-2 AS THE 28TH AND THE 66TH
NVA REGIMENTS IN ATTACKING POSITIONS WITH THE 24TH NVA REGT IN
RESERVE. THE 5TH BN/3RD AIRBORNE HAS BEEN ENCIRCLED FOR THE
LAST 24 HOURS, HAS TAKEN HEAVY ABF, AND IS REPORTED TO BE
HANGING ON WITH NO MORE THAN ABOUT 20 PERCENT STRENGTH REMAINING.
G-3 REPORTS THAT THE 72ND RANGER BN HAS BEEN ASSIGNED UNDER
OPERATIONAL CONTROL TO THE 3RD BRIGADE.

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2. COLONEL LE KHAC LY, II CORPS CHIEF OF STAFF, HAS

INFORMED THAT OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE BRIGADE ARE POSITIONED ALONG QL-21 AND HAVE BEEN OUTFLANKED BY THE ENEMY USING TRAILS TO THE SOUTH OF THE MAIN ROUTE. ENEMY TANKS HAVE ALSO MOVED INTO THE AREA; THREE T-54 TANKS WERE KNOCKED OUT IN AN ENGAGEMENT DURING THE MORNING BY THE 6TH BN/3RD AIRBORNE IN THE VICINITY OF BOUN EA THI (BP 6791). THE FLANKING MOVEMENT HAS LEFT THE 3RD BRIGADE CUT INTO TWO PARTS, SOME ELEMENTS TO THE WEST OF BUON EA THI AREA AND OTHERS TO THE EAST.

3. THE II CORPS G-2 ALSO REPORTS RANGER ENGAGEMENT WITH A COMPANY-SIZED ENEMY FORCE FIVE KM TO THE WEST OF DUC MY RANGER TRAINING CAMP (VIC BP 8586) EARLY THIS MORNING (MAR 31).

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